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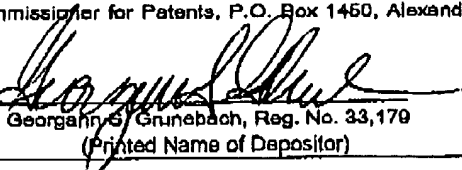
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- > Response to Office Action dated July 2, 2004 (12 pages)
- > Transmittal Letter for Amendment (1 page)

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 Docket No. PD-990067  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert G. Arsenault

Serial No.: 09/712,625

Filed: November 14, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING THE  
 CONFIGURATION OF CONNECTIONS ASSOCIATED  
 WITH A SATELLITE RECEIVER/DECODER

Date: October 4, 2004

Group Art Unit: 2663

Examiner: Lee, Chi Ho A.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

\_\_\_\_ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated July 2, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

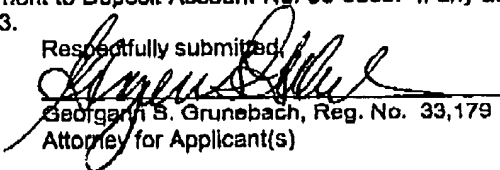
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

\_\_\_\_ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS 30 minus	30* =	0 x	\$ 18.00	\$0			
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 4 minus	4** =	0 x	\$ 86.00	\$0			
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS		+	\$ 290.00	\$0			
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:				\$0			

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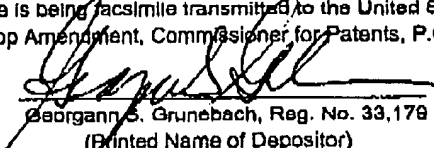
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